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DISTRIBUTION OF THE NATIONAL COTTON ALLOTMENT MAR 17 1938 ☆

U. S. Department of Agriculture

The National Allotment

The national cotton allotment is divided among the cotton growing States on the basis of the production of cotton in each State during the preceding five years, taking into account the acres diverted from cotton.

The State Allotment

Each State allotment expressed in bales is converted into a State acreage allotment by dividing the pounds of lint in the State baleage allotment by the State average yield for the previous five years. The State acreage allotment is divided among the counties on the basis of the acres planted to cotton in each county during the years 1933-37, inclusive, taking into consideration the acres diverted from cotton. Whatever additional allotment is necessary will be made to assure that no county will receive less than 60 percent of the sum of the acreage planted in 1937 and the acreage diverted from cotton under the 1937 Agricultural Conservation Program.

The County Allotment

(a) County cotton acreage allotments are apportioned among the farms in the county on which cotton was planted in one or more of the years 1935, 1936, and 1937, in a manner that will result in a cotton acreage allotment for each farm which is a percentage (which is the same for all farms in the county) of the land in the farm in 1937 which was tilled annually or in regular rotation, exclusive of the acres of land normally devoted to the production of wheat, tobacco, or rice for market or for feeding to livestock for market: except that

(1) the cotton acreage allotment for any farm on which five acres or less were planted to cotton and diverted from the production of cotton in any one of the years 1935, 1936, and 1937, is the highest number of acres planted and diverted in these years if the county cotton acreage allotment is sufficient for such an allotment;

(2) the cotton acreage allotment for any farm on which more than five acres were planted to cotton and diverted from the production of cotton in any one of the years 1935, 1936, and 1937 can not be less than five acres, if the county acreage allotment is sufficient for such an allotment;

(3) notwithstanding the foregoing provisions a number of acres equal to not more than 3 percent of the remainder of the county acreage allotment may be apportioned among farms in the county for which the allotment otherwise provided is 5 acres or more but less than 15 acres and less than the highest number of acres planted to cotton and diverted from the production



of cotton in any one of the years 1935, 1936, and 1937. In making such allotments under clause (3), in the preceding sentence, consideration shall be given to the land, labor, and equipment available for the production of cotton, crop rotation practices, and the soil and other facilities affecting the production of cotton, and such increases shall not increase the allotment to any farm above 15 acres. In no event shall the allotment for any farm under this paragraph (a) exceed the highest number of acres planted to cotton and diverted from the production of cotton in any one of the years 1935, 1936 and 1937.

(b) A portion of the State acreage allotment not to exceed 2 percent is apportioned to farms in the State on which cotton will be planted in 1938 but on which cotton was not planted in any of the years 1935, 1936, and 1937 so as to result in comparable allotments to farms similar with respect to land, labor, and equipment available for the production of cotton, crop rotation practices, and the soil and other facilities affecting the production of cotton. The county committee shall report, through the State committee, to the Agricultural Adjustment Administration the acreage required for the allotments to such farms in the county together with such substantiating data as may be required by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, and the Agricultural Adjustment Administration shall allot to the county the proportion of that part of the State acreage allotment reserved for this purpose as it finds reasonable on the basis of the data so reported.

U. S. D. A., AAA,  
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